

Appln. No. 09/942,375
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Response to Office Action of 10/06/2003

Remarks

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

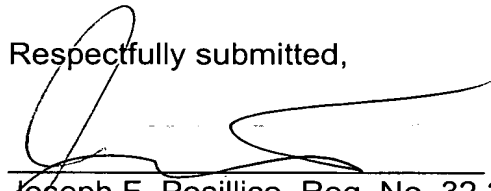
Claims 1, 2 and 6 - 9 are now pending in the present application. Claims 3-5 have been canceled. Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 2 and for new claims 6-9 is found throughout the present specification, particularly in the claims as originally filed and in the summary of the invention section.

In the outstanding office action the Examiner rejected the then pending claims for statutory type double patenting on the basis of US Patent No. 6,364,871. The above amendments obviate this rejection and are believed to place the present application in condition for allowance. An early notice thereof is respectfully solicited.

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